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City of Santa Fe Offices at Market Station
500 Market Street, Ste. 200 Santa Fe, NM
April 25, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Chair of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at the City of Santa Fe Market Station Offices. A quorum was established with roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilor Romero-Wirth, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Councilor Signe I. Lindell
Councilor Chris Rivera
Tamara Haas, NMDOT
Commissioner Ed Moreno

NOT PRESENT/EXCUSED:

Edward Escudero, Pueblo of Tesuque
Commissioner Rudy Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erick Aune, MPO
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

NOTE: All items in the packet for all agenda items were incorporated herewith by reference. Any exhibits presented at the meeting are attached. The original packet is on file with the MPO staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved to approve the agenda with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- February 28, 2018

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved to approve the minutes with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were not any comments from the public.

2.) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A.) SANTA FE MPO CURRENT AND UP AND COMING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

Mr. Aune reported after a conversation with Chair Romero-Wirth who asked for more of a dialogue from the Board at these meetings.

Mr. Aune stated the TCC meetings are set up to amend the TIP and update it per the Federal code. However, as leadership changes there are different levels of participation. Perhaps they can have presentations. Mr. Aune stated at one time Commissioner Stefanics often came and used MPO as a tool.

Mr. Aune stated, in the packet is a listing of things they can discuss. For example, the RFP for the MTP, they can discuss the scope of work.

Commissioner Hansen states she has been involved with the MPO for a while and even worked on Oshara Village. At one time Councilor Maestas had a presentation on bridges it was good to asses things. Commissioner Hansen states it was helpful when she would go to NASCO she was on the lookout for Federal funding.

Commissioner Hansen discussed the money that was allocated for the NE/SE Connector project then it was downgraded. The funds had to be used for a rural road. The intention was to make that a frontage road in case of an alternative route. They lost the money because they decided to overdesign the County ended up paying for it. She hopes to see more cooperation with the new administration.

Councilor Rivera asked if the City the Fiscal Agent for the MPO. Mr. Aune explained the MPO does a lot of budgeting from the Feds.

Councilor Rivera asked which department MPO falls under. Mr. Aune explained the Land Use Department.

Councilor Rivera asked if they will hear MPO's budget at the hearings under the Land Use Department. If so, can they present a draft of the budget to this Board then it would be easier to speak to the Finance Committee and at budgeting hearings

Ms. Haas states the UFWP doesn't cover 100% of the MPO budget.

Mr. Aune explained the two year UPWP and the fiscal management process to the Feds and NMDOT is a budgeting tool. It estimates the budget for about two years. It includes the number of staff hours, consulting fees and other fees. He uses that to anticipate the

City's budget but it gets confusing when they have to take into account the Federal Fiscal Year.

Ms. Haas states that the program in the packet explained the criteria and the items that are required to be posted on the web. Each MPO gets an amount annually from the Feds.

Mr. Aune states they met with Ms. Haas and her staff to review the quality assurance items and worked on a few things.

Ms. Haas explained what UWPW means and does. She explained the different extra activities.

Commissioner Hansen asked who funds the MPO. Mr. Aune explained the FTA and FHA there is an understanding they rely on for the formula. Almost all invoices, payments and salaries all have to be split.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked if once the MPO Budget is approved if they can still present to the Board on a different agenda. Mr. Aune will add it to a future agenda.

Councilor Lindell would like to request the packet be sent in Granicus. Commissioner Hansen isn't sure if the County has the same program. If they could get it on a laptop it would be helpful.

Mr. Aune is not aware of Granicus but he will contact the City Clerk to work on it.

Mr. Aune asked if they are aware of another department that uses Granicus. Councilor Rivera stated that Director Regina Wheeler may be able to help.

Commissioner Moreno joined the meeting.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked if there is anything else the members would like to hear about at the meetings.

Commissioner Hansen discussed the presentation on the bridges perhaps overpasses can be a discussion item. It is helpful when constituents call.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked if the Board thinks of anything else they can let her know. She is interested in getting a wider sense of things.

Commissioner Moreno apologized for being late, he would like to see if they can have a "How to build a road" presentation. It is complicated to people to understand.

Chair Romero-Wirth states maybe it can be MPO related presentation.

Ms. Haas offered to bring that information, she had to present to a Legislative Committee.

Mr. Aune states this is timely, now that the County is building a few new roads, He has been invited to watch the process and it is very helpful.

Commissioner Hansen is interested in talking about recycled plastic on asphalt. There are good ideas for it, it lasts and there was a test done it held up well.

Chair Romero-Wirth would like to know the environmental impacts.

Ms. Haas explained where the project was done, and some data was not located.

B.) RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2015-2040 METROPOLITAN PLAN TABLE 7.1 "REGIONAL ROADWAY PRIORITIES": Including new City of Santa Fe Roadway Project-Camino Monte Del Sol (Between Cruz Blanca and Old Santa Fe Trail) \$120,000 for repaving and addition of shoulders

Mr. Aune states this project came up in February, the City brought this to Public Works to get it on the amendment project.

Mr. Aune states they received many comments from the public (see Exhibit A). The President of St. Johns College and Santa Fe Prep also provided comments. It is a very busy street, the TCC recommended to approve the amendment for this board. It will become part of the process to find funding for this project. The estimate is \$120,000 and that could change.

Councilor Lindell is not sure why this process is to come here if it is a City street. Repaving has its own process. Councilor Lindell would need more of an explanation.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked what roads come through this board. Mr. Aune states there are some are City and County significant roadway that come to this board.

Mr. Aune states City doesn't pursue Federal money if it is under \$2 million dollars.

Ms. Haas believes that it could be the new fund source created at the Legislature. It was called the local transportation fund. NMDOT is in the process to go to emergency rule making to try to get \$50 million dollars that is available.

Ms. Haas states it opens the door to the simple projects, or the City could try to submit for that money to be awarded by September.

Chair Romero-Wirth believes it is classified as a minor collector. However the stretch of road is very busy because it serves many schools and churches.

Councilor Lindell doesn't think it shouldn't be on it, if there is this process the City and County should know about it for other projects.

Councilor Lindell asked that Mr. Aune speak to the Public Works Director to get a memo about it out to the City Council and the County Commission.

Mr. Aune states when requesting it, it will show that it has been through these Committees.

Councilor Rivera is not sure how it rose to this level. Why didn't all of the other projects get on this?

Ms. Haas explained the letter hasn't been signed and the MPO's won't know about it yet.

Chair Romero-Wirth states a constituent called her to ask about it, and then when she forwarded it to the correct City department. They in turn explained why it is on this list. It was a coincidence that it came at this time.

Mr. Aune states the Public Works Department wanted to go through this and the TIP will be updated. Mr. Aune doesn't want the MTB to hinder work on other roads and become the route it comes.

Councilor Lindell would like to discuss further with Ms. Wheeler.

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved to approve the amendment to the TIP with a second from Commissioner Hansen which passed by voice vote.

C.) UPDATES ON PROGRESS OF DRAFT 219 BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Mr. Aune reflected on some of the dialogue from the last meeting about public engagement. As a result, he met with City staff and others the meeting was productive.

There are now some additional responses. Those are on the draft it will be on the web for starting tomorrow. The TCC was given an update as well.

Councilor Lindell asked for the draft to be emailed. Is there a clarity on the projects and costs associated?

Mr. Aune states the list will be on it, however the cost estimates are not.

Councilor Lindell thinks it is important to have that, as well as the funding sources.

Commissioner Hansen asked does the plan include recent legislative measures. She looks forward to seeing it.

Councilor Lindell would like a hard copy as well a Commissioner Hansen and Councilor Rivera.

D.) UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

Mr. Aune reported the MPO facilitated the applications for transportation alternative funds. Unfortunately the County was not awarded any funding. The City was awarded three projects. Mr. Aune explained that some years that the other entity won't get it and the other one will.

Commissioner Hansen is happy to hear about the Acequia Trail project.

Mr. Aune states the NE/SE Connector meetings have shown progress, it is moving along to design. The County and the engineer discussed some issues.

Mr. Aune discussed the Guadalupe Project has run into an acquisition for right of way it may delay the project.

Mr. Aune states one project moving on is Cottonwood, Agua Fria and meadows.

Commissioner Hansen stated that Senator Rodriguez always gives money to the Agua Fria projects.

Commissioner Moreno asked if the SE/NE had any visuals of how far along are they? Mr. Aune didn't bring any back, but the County Public Works Department should have that.

Mr. Aune states his observation is that they are working closely together.

3.) MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

None.

4.) MATTERS FROM TPB MEMBERS

Councilor Rivera asked for research on a private road in his district that when it rains the cesspools fill up from rain the sewage runs. They are willing to give them the road but he is looking for the funds to fix it. It is Verdera de Valencia.

Mr. Aune states he can ask if anyone has dealt with that issues before. There may have to be a legal agreement.

Ms. Haas suggests they look into the CDBG from NMDFA it may be an option.

5.) ADJOURNMENT-NEXT TPB MEETING-MONDAY MAY 23, 2019

There being no further business to come before the MPO Transportation Policy Board the meeting was adjourned at **6:15** p.m.

SIGNATURES



Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer